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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage , application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1, 4, 5, 10, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Baraldi.

Baraldi discloses a first extraction of a plant material (carob leaf or meal) wherein most of the EGC is removed into the extract wherein the plant material is then extracted a second time wherein a number of remaining catechins are removed including EGCG (see Table 1), said plant material extracted with hot water.

3. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mishkin et al.

Mishkin et al discloses a first extraction of tea (e.g. fresh tea leaves; col. 3), wherein it is expected that due to the high temperature of the extraction solution (e.g. 110 C) and residence times employed in the instant invention (e.g. 10 minutes; col. 3; instant Specification; Example 1) most of the EGC is removed in said first extract. Mishkin et al further discloses a second extraction of the tea at a higher temperature

wherein it is expected due to the high temperature at least a residual amount of a second catechin (e.g. EGCG) is removed. Both extractions are conducted using water.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 6, 7, 8, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baraldi.

The claims further call for the temperatures employed during the first and second extracts. Although Baraldi discloses the extractions being conducted with hot water (paragraph 15), there is no specific recitation of the temperature employed. However, such determination would have been well within the purview of a skilled artisan, and, absent a showing of unexpected results, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have arrived at such temperature through routine experimentation by extracting with different hot water temperatures.

6. Claims 3, 6, and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mishkin et al.

The claims further call for the temperatures employed during the first and second extracts. Although Mishkin et al discloses the first extraction being conducted at a temperature less than 110 C, there is no specific recitation of the temperatures as called

for in instant claims 6 and 7. However, such determination would have been well within the purview of a skilled artisan, and, absent a showing of unexpected results, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have arrived at such temperature through routine experimentation by extracting with different hot water temperatures.

Although Mishkin et al discloses the treatment of fresh tea as well as black tea, it is not clear whether or not the fresh tea is green tea. However, it is well known to prepare tea beverages from all sorts of teas including green tea, and it would have been further obvious to have employed a green tea as a matter of preference depending on, for example, the desired taste of the subsequently formed tea beverage.

Prior Art

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anthony Weier whose telephone number is 571-272-1409. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

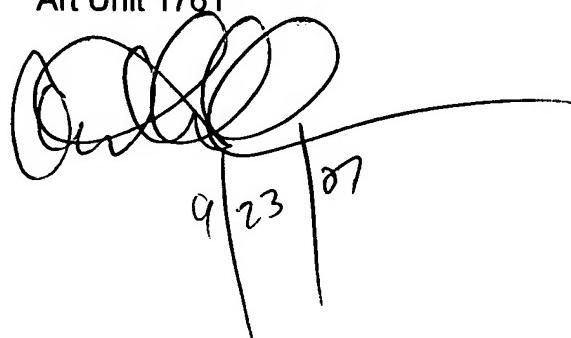
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Milton Cano can be reached on 571-272-1398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner
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Anthony Weier
September 23, 2007



A handwritten signature of "Anthony Weier" is written over a stylized, circular, scribbled mark. Below the signature, the date "9 23 07" is handwritten vertically.